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Sulina

1. [] ship approached the St. George mouth of the Danube River [] in a dense fog which concealed the shore. After sailing a short distance soundings were taken and the ship's position judged to be at the Sulina mouth. The ship approached the shore where a motor fishing boat could be seen. When the second officer was rowed to the fishing boat it was learned that the ship was off Olinca. 25X1
2. The ship arrived at the Sulina mouth at 1500 hours, the pilot boarded, and the ship proceeded to Sulina. Before the control and inspection of the ship, the officials asked why ship's personnel had approached the shore in a rowboat. It was explained that the purpose was only to determine the ship's position from the fishing boat. The ship's officers narrowly missed being taken ashore for trial. The control and inspection of the ship was accomplished. 25X1
3. [] there was a secret airplane hangar on the shore two and one-half miles southeast of the lighthouse on the wharf at Sulina, at approximately 45°07'45"N, 29°41'00"E. [] there were military installations and troops along the shore from the Sulina mouth to Olimda, [] troops were stationed and guns located, but no mines, from Constanta along the Soviet shores. [] the troops were stationed there for the purpose of watching and controlling all ships sailing along these shores. 25X1
4. On 2 May, 13 large lighters loaded with chromium ore and petroleum moored at Sulina; they were probably awaiting tugboats. 25X1
5. The ship departed Sulina [] At the 18th mile the ship met a Soviet tug [] towing a large petroleum lighter. At Reni a ship flying the Soviet flag was loading chromium at the pier. 25X1

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Behind it were moored more than 23 lighters. [redacted] the lighters were bound for Odessa and would depart as soon as tugs came. At 2110 hours the ship moored at the 79th mile, near Galati.

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Galati

6. The ship moored at a pier in Galati [redacted]. The control and inspection officials boarded at 0820 hours and the ship was subjected to a very thorough and strict control lasting until 1000 hours. [redacted]
7. The space between piles driven in the Galati harbor in front of the two factories under construction had been filled with stones and gravel and shipways were being built. Three ways were nearing completion.
8. A Rumanian warship was moored at a pier in the harbor and was being painted. [redacted] It had a raised forecastle, two masts and two stacks. [redacted] a gun forward and an instrument on the bridge similar to radar. [redacted] a cable stretched along the deckline from the forecastle aft to the stern. [redacted] it likely [redacted] was a degassing cable.
9. On 5 May, a Rumanian tug, RF 12, towed two petroleum lighters out of the Galati harbor. Also, a loaded Soviet petroleum lighter sailed toward Braila [redacted]
10. A Soviet plane landed at Galati at 0900 on 6 May and flew off toward Transylvania at 0930. The plane was aluminum in color, and the Soviet flag was painted on the fuselage aft. [redacted] it was a service plane between Transylvania, Galati and Braila, [redacted] it carried mail. At 1300 hours that day a Rumanian mail plane flew over on a course of approximately 050°.

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Return from Galati

11. The control and inspection was completed [redacted] and the ship departed from Galati. [redacted]
12. At Reni there were 12 lighters flying a flag with white over red and a blue triangle in the center; in front of the petroleum depot there were 17 Soviet lighters loaded with gasoline; there were also 13 Rumanian lighters loaded with gasoline and petroleum and waiting for a tug. [redacted] some of the lighters were bound for Braila, some for an airfield further upstream than Braila, and others for Odessa.
13. [redacted] ship anchored overnight at Tulcea [redacted] A Soviet tug, AERNEV, was met towing an empty tanker, YEPHOMOCKDE, in the direction of Reni.

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